

MINUTES: of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on May 24, 2012 at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Pete Aguilar, Mayor
Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Jerry Bean, Councilmember
Bob Gardner, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Lt. Chris Catren, Police Department; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Fred Mousavipour, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Kim Braun, Human Resources Department

Mayor Aguilar called the meeting to order and offered those present the opportunity to provide public comment on any item to be discussed in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Resolution No. 7159 – CFD Annexation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7159 rescinding Resolution No. 7139 and declaring intention to annex territory to Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2004-1. A public hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2012 to discuss the annexation.

Resolutions No. 7162 and 7166 – SLD No. 1 and LMD No. 1 - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolutions No. 7162 and 7166 appointing an assessment engineer and ordering the preparation of an engineer's report in the matters of Street Lighting District (SLD) No. 1 and Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) No. 1 respectively.

Fee Waiver - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council approved a request from the University of Redlands for use of barricades for the 2012 Commencement.

Mayor Aguilar recused himself from discussion and voting on this item due to his source of income relationship with the University.

FEE STUDY WORKSHOP:

Consultant Presentation – City Treasurer Tina Kundig introduced Mike Adams, from MGT of America, Inc., who presented a summary of the User Fee Study in the form of a schedule reflecting the impact of a 100% cost recovery policy for City of Redlands services. As a public comment, Steve Rogers identified several line items in the schedule and requested further information in support of the numbers reflected therein. Carlos Rodriguez, from the Baldy View Chapter of Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc., asked for a fee freeze due to the currently depressed economic conditions in the Inland Empire. Dan Nackerman, of the San Bernardino County Housing Authority, suggested the use of a grandfather clause to minimize the impact of fee increases on development projects already in progress. Mayor Aguilar summarized the workshop discussion by identifying the need for data from the previous fee study performed in 2007, as well as back-up data for the current study. The Council identified a need to discuss further the level of subsidy provided to the City of Redlands recreation programs and requested a change in format for the schedule presentation to reflect an across the board comparison of the impact of fee increases on total development project costs. Staff was tasked to put the fee study back-up data on the City of Redlands website and to develop a definition and language for consideration as a grandfather clause to any fee increases. Further action was deferred to another fee study workshop to be scheduled in the first two weeks of June 2012. A goal was set to vote on a fee schedule resolution at the June 19, 2012 regular meeting of the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Portable Sign Code – Mayor Pro Tem Foster introduced a need expressed by members of the Chamber of Commerce to expand the use of portable signs in the City of Redlands. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to direct staff to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 12.55 of the Redlands Municipal Code. to expand the use of permitted commercial portable signs to right-of-ways in additional commercially-zoned areas within the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2012.